

METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 24, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

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Members Present: Alex Caulin- Cardo, Selena Delgado, Angela Duarte, Serena Hauraque, Angelica Ingram, Kiri Kenman, Elayna Mack, Mazalina Marshall, Jimmy Payan, Emily Rumph, Kyra Singh, Ian Waugaman.

Non-Members Present: Arlene Benavidez, Ed Nossem, Paul Lovelis.

- 1.0 Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.
- 3.0 Roll Call (Introductions)
Roll was called; a quorum of members was present. The students introduced themselves by name and school; MEC Staff introduced themselves by title. MEC Chair Paul Lovelis provided a Welcome, related how he became involved with the MEC and the YAC, and offered words of support.
- 4.0 Approval of March 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Motion: Jimmy Payan
Second: Alex Caulin-Cardo
Motion carried unanimously.
- 5.0 Icebreaker
The students choose to answer one of the following questions:
Do you have a secret talent? If yes, what is it? OR Who do you look up to as a hero and why? Many of the students chose the second question and indicated one of their parents.
- 6.0 YAC Introduction
MEC Operations & Program Coordinator Ed Nossem gave a Power Point presentation on the YAC and the planned activities for 2020-2021.
 - 2020-2021 PLAN:
 - Training: Leadership, Advocacy, and Civic Engagement
 - Meetings with local elected officials
 - DemocraSeed Project – Center for the Future of AZ - ASU
 - Local Government structure and functions
 - Student Voter Registration
 - Youth & Peace Conference – Community event participation

- Teen Town Hall
 - Selection of Topics
 - YAC involvement/presentation
- Civic Engagement Day Trip to State Capitol
 - Priority topics from Teen Town Hall
 - Research topics to prepare for training
 - Training & Mock Meetings with guest legislators and lobbyists
- Youth Leadership Conference & Career Fair – Community event participation

7.0 Selection of Teen Town Hall Topics

The students were first directed to the MEC website so that they could access the 2019 Teen Town Hall Report. The Teen Town Hall was explained; the 2020 event, to be held on Friday, November 13, 2020, will be a virtual event. The students were given the list of 2019 topics, and were asked to consider what other topics would be of interest to them and their peers. Besides the 12 topics from last year, additional topics suggested included Access to Local Diverse Literature in Schools; Access to Technology (Internet and Equipment) in Schools and Homes; and Civil Rights including Anti-Racism Curriculum in Schools. A Google Survey was created for students to select their top five topic choices.

8.0 Pre-Survey

The students completed a Pre-Survey which asked various questions related to student's perception of themselves and their interests. These will be compared to a Post-Survey which will be given at the last YAC meeting in April of 2021.

9.0 Announcements

YAC OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominations are open for the following YAC Executive Committee positions: President (student must have been a YAC member for at least 1 year to qualify); Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and two MEC Youth Commissioners.

The following items were covered:

- Eligibility requirements
- Nomination process
- Described the positions; asked students to consider running for the positions (Ed will send the Duties & Responsibilities document), and ask interested students to prepare stump speeches for the September 8th election.

NEXT MEETING – September 8, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

- Election of new officers & TTH topics
- Leadership Training

10.0 Call to Public

No action.

11.0 Adjournment

Motion to approve: Alex Caulin-Cardo

Second: Serena Hauraque

Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.